

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 1

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Searcys' from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your Bible and see the SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share!

## DECEMBER PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the **deacons, who will be meeting on Sunday, 12/8**, and the **elders, who will be meeting on Tuesday, 12/10**. Thank you for praying for us!

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, DECEMBER 8

Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

## WOMEN'S EVENT, DECEMBER 14

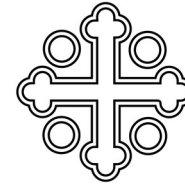
Save the date! Join us for a **Christmas tea and "favorite things" swap on Saturday, December 14th from 10a-12p**. High school girls, 9th-12th grade, are invited to join us for this event. More details to come!

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 15

6th-12th graders, join us from 5 to 8 for an evening of festivity and fellowship at the **Stonehaven Lower School Campus**. Pizza dinner will be provided. Please bring a white elephant gift (\$10 max) and see the Signup Genius in the weekly update to bring a dessert or side. Be sure to email Matt to **RSVP by 12/9** to receive some important information about some games we will play!

## FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of **November 17th**, we've given **\$13,202** to Faith Promise. Please continue to consider how you can support our missionaries near and far. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



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TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY  
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND  
**CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY**

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION  
December 1, 2024

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 62:1-4**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

**\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

**\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *Comfort, Comfort Now My People***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 8:34-38**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Songs of Comfort - *Savior of the Nations Come***

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - First Care Women's Clinic and  
Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Pay Attention to What You Hear**

**Mark 4:21-25**

**\*Song of Response - *Tell Me the Story of Jesus***

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

**\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

**\*Benediction - 2 Peter 3:14,18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

*\*Stand*

*Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.*

***Tell Me The Story of Jesus***

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels in chorus,  
Sang as they welcomed His birth,  
"Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth."

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
Writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,  
Tell how He liveth again.  
Love in that story so tender,  
Clearer than ever I see;  
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,  
"Love paid the ransom for me."

Tell how He's gone back to heaven,  
Up to the right hand of God:  
How He is there interceding  
While on this earth we must trod.  
Tell of the sweet Holy Spirit  
He has poured out from above;  
Tell how He's coming in glory  
For all the saints of His love.

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.  
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*SONG OF Response*

# “PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU HEAR”

MARK 4:21-25

MATT O’SULLIVAN

**Key Truth: Jesus gives us more than we expect to receive when we pay attention to His Word.**

**Introduction:**

**Q: *What expectations do you have when you listen to God’s Word?***

**Mark 4:21-25: Paying Attention to What We Hear**

“The scariest thing about modern life is how comfortable most of us are even in our suffering and discontent—comfortable enough to be swept along in the flow without ever having to pause and consider how truly unbelievable it is to be alive.... And it’s the easiest thing in the world to make Christianity just one more identity waving at us for attention as we float along. But it’s not. The gospel is not a preference.... It’s something far more beautiful and disturbing. The gospel is the power to raise the dead, to proclaim the greatness of God in a fallen and confused world. To be a follower of Christ in the early twenty-first century requires a way of being in the world that resists being sucked into the numbing glare of undifferentiated preferences we choose from to define our identity.”

**Alan Noble, *Disruptive Witness: Speaking Truth in a Distracted Age***

**Application Questions:**

1. *What makes it hard for you to pay attention to Scripture?*
2. *What’s one practice you can cultivate in the coming year to help you pay more attention to Scripture?*
3. *How can you share what you have already received from God’s Word? How might sharing what you already have deepen your love for what you know in Christ?*

**Mark 4:21-25** teaches us that **Jesus gives us more than we expect to receive when we pay attention to His Word.**

CALL TO Worship

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

Isaiah 62:1-4

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL  
Response

## *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in its ways to go.  
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine Advent here  
And chase away the shades of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
(Refrain)

O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease  
And be Thyself our King of Peace  
(Refrain)

SONG OF  
Comfort

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Savior of the nations, come  
Virgin's Son, here make Thy home  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth  
That the Lord chose such a birth

Not by human flesh and blood  
By the Spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh

He will come, He will come  
He will come down and rescue us.

Brightly doth Thy manger shine,  
Glorious is its light divine.  
Let not sin conceal this light;  
Ever be our faith thus bright

Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Have o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be  
When shall we its glories see

Jesus come, Jesus come  
Jesus come down and rescue us

SONG OF  
*Comfort*

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Comfort, comfort  
Now my people  
Tell of his peace with no end  
Comfort, comfort  
Those in darkness  
Tell them that God's pardon  
Waits for them

*The Glory of the Lord  
Now on earth is shed  
In deserts far and near  
He will raise what's dead  
His peace has now  
Been spoken  
His word is never broken  
The Kingdom of our God  
Is now here*

Straight shall, straight shall  
Be what's crooked  
Making all the rougher  
Places plain  
Let your, let your  
Hearts be humble  
Befitting our God's glory  
And his reign

*Let the valleys  
Rise to meet him  
The hills all will bow down  
Let the valleys  
Rise to meet him  
The hills bow down in praise  
Let the valleys  
Rise to meet him  
The hills bow down in Praise*

SONG OF  
*Praise*

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

*(Take a moment to silently confess.)*

We confess that we often struggle to pay attention to Your Word because we don't expect to receive much from it **(Mark 4:21-25)**.

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

# Confession OF SIN

# Assurance OF PARDON

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Mark 8:34-38**

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,

**(Congregation) - Amen!**